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SUBJECT: EXPORT OF SHELLS

1. THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF U.S. LAWS AND REGULATIONS RESTRICTING THE IMPORTATION OF WILDLIFE AND WILDLIFE PRODUCTS. U.S. LAW REQUIRES THAT ALL WILDLIFE IMPORTATIONS BE ACCOMPANIED BY SUCH EXPORT PERMITS OR OTHER DOCUMENTS AS REQUIRED TO SHOW THAT THE LAWS OF THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OR THE COUNTRY OF EXPORT OR BOTH HAVE NOT BEEN VIOLATED. IF SUCH FOREIGN WILDLIFE LAWS ARE VIOLATED AND THE WILDLIFE INVOLVED IS SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSPORTED IN FOREIGN COMMERCE, THEN AMCITS INVOLVED MAY BE IN VIOLATION OF U.S. LACEY ACT (18 USC 43).

2. USFWS ADVISES THAT LARGE QUANTITIES OF SEA SHELLS ARE CURRENTLY BEING IMPORTED FROM THE PHILIPPINES. USFWS IS AWARE THAT GOP REQUIRES EXPORT PERMITS FOR THESE SHIPMENTS
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BUT SUSPECTS THAT MANY OF THE PERMITS ACCOMPANYING THESE

SHIPMENTS ARE FRAUDULENT. THEREFORE, USFWS REQUESTS EMBASSY TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE GOP OFFICIALS AND OBTAIN COPIES OF EACH OF THE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY GOP FOR THE LEGAL EXPORTATION OF SEA SHELLS. USFWS WILL DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF THESE DOCUMENTS TO THEIR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENTS FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES. WHEN FRAUDULENT DOCUMENTS ARE ENCOUNTERED BY THESE AGENTS, USFWS WILL PROVIDE COPIES AND DETAILS TO GOP.

3. PLEASE CAPTION RESPONSE, "FOR DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, T. L. STRIEGLER." INGERSOLL

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